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Jun. 3, 1833, Transfer of slaves by will, will book 1, p 306.

In the name of God Amen, I Robert H. Beale of the
County of Roachontas being of weak body but of perfectly
strong mind and sound reason do now make this my last will and
testament feeling that I soon shall enter eternity. I wish
the law of my country to be my will with the exception of my
slaves. They I wish to dispose of in the manner and form
following, that is to say I will bequeath unto my dearly
beloved wife Mary during her natural life my following negro
slaves Anthony, Stephen, Nancy and Wesley. Thirdly the
residue of my negro slaves I wish and desire my Executors here-
inafter mentioned to dispose of either at public or private
sale which I shall leave at their discretion. 4th. I will
and bequeath unto my friend John Beale my whole military
apparatus that is to say coat and other appendages.

5th. I give unto Sampson L. Mathews my rifle gun and shot
bag. 6th. I give my shot gun to my friend Andrew G.
Mathews. 7th. I give my greatcoat unto my friend James A.
Price. 8th. I give and bequeath unto my friend Jacob ..
Mathews my riding saddle. 9th. I give to my brother Charles
Beale by his making choice either a bull or a heifer of my
stock. 10. I constitute and appoint my friends Sampson L.
Mathews, John Beale and Andrew G. Mathews Executors of this my
last will and testament revoking all other and former wills as
written my hand and seal this second day of January, 1833.

Teste
J. A. Mathews
Jacob W. Myers
David Mathews

Robert H. Beale

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October 25, 1850, Appraisement of slaves, Will Book 1, page 239.

In pursuance of an order issued from the Clerk's
office of Pocahontas County Court we Robert Gay, Josiah Brown and
William Moore and Isaac Moore being thereby required by the
aforesaid order after first being duly sworn do proceed to
view and appraise all the personal Estate of John Sharp, Deed.
which shall be produced to us and make a true perfect inven-
tory of the same to be returned to Court under hands in manner
and form followeth, to wit

| | |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| One negro woman named Nancy ----- | 4 163.00 |
| One negro boy named Ned ----- | 255.00 |
| One negro boy named George ----- | 140.00 |
| One negro boy named Reuben ----- | 88.00 |
| One negro boy named James ----- | 63.00 |

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Feb. 15 & 19, 1833, Inventory of Slaves sold, " B. 1, p 369.

An inventory of the property sold at public sale on
the 15 and 19th of February, 1833 belonging to the Estate
of Robert H. Beale with the will annexed, to wit

To:

Joseph Hannah

1 black girl Margaret ----- 93.00

Nathan Gilliland

1 black boy Gilbert ----- 285.00

Joseph Handley

One black woman Amy and child George -- 280.00

Thomas Gammon

1 black boy Isaac ----- 316.00

Mary Beale

1 black boy Charles ----- 52.00

Thomas Casebolt

1 black girl Julia ----- 66.00

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October 26, 1860, Sale of Slaves, Will Book 1, page 242.

A sole bill of the personal estate of John Sharp,
deceased, as sold by the administrator William Sharp on the 26th
day of October 1860.

To:

Thomas Gifford:

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| One negro woman named Nancy and two children named James and Reuben hired for one year ----- | 11.00 |
|--|-------|

James M. Sharp:

| | |
|--|-----|
| One negro boy named George hired for one year ----- | .50 |
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Sarah Sharp:

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| One negro boy named Ned hired for one year ----- | 11.03 |
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March 26, 1834

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March 26, 1834, sale of slaves, will book 1, page 337.

Agreeable to an order of the Court of Pocahontas County
at the March term 1834 we Latty Lockridge and Joseph Moore and
Henry S. Herold hath proceeded on this 26th day of March 1834 to
appraise the personal estate of Michael West Jeck, as deliv-
ered to us by the Amers, after being duly sworn for that pur-
pose.

| | |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| 1 black girl named Sarah | \$ 200.00 |
| 1 black girl named Betty | 400.00 |
| 1 black boy John Allen | 200.00 |
| 1 black girl Agness June | 110.00 |

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June 17, 1850, Inventory of Slaves, Will Book 1, P 335.

In pursuance of an order from the County Court of Pocahontas County to us directed, we George Poage, Josiah Beard, and Thomas Hill Commissioners appointed by the said Court to view and appraise the personal property of William Poage, Deed. have on the 17th day of June 1850 proceeded to view and appraise so much thereof as was shewed to us by the Executors, to wit:

One black man named Bill willed to be sold ----- \$ 200.00

Willed to Margaret Poage, widow of deceased:

One black woman named Nancy ----- 250.00

One black girl named Evaline ----- 75.00

Willed to Sam'l D. Poage:

One black boy named Aaron ----- 300.00

One black boy named Lewis ----- 150.00

Willed to James Poage, Kentucky:

One black boy named Peter ----- 275.00

Willed to Betsy Hill:

One black girl named Rachel ----- 100.00

Willed to Peggy Hill:

One black child named Charlotte ----- 40.00

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Jun. 7, 1838, Transfer of Slaves by will, Will Book No. 1 p 219.

In the name of God Amen -- I William Roage of the County of Pocahontas and state of Virginia being far advanced in life and reflecting on the uncertainty thereof, order and direct that of such Estate both real and personal as I now possess shall be distributed in the following manner: to wit, in the first place to my wife Margaret I will a suitable maintenance from the proceeds of the land I now live on with the benefit of the Black woman Nancy as also all her household and kitchen furniture. to all my children, to wit my son Jno., Robert, George, William, James and Thos. and their heirs I will one dollar each. To my daughters Mary and Margaret I will one dollar each. Yet nevertheless I will to my son Moses my black boy Peter as a compensation for some losses sustained: to my son Moses I will two hundred acres of land known by the name of the Cline place, to my daughter Elizabeth I leave my black girl Rachael, to my son-in-law John Hill I leave forty acres of land more or less joining George Roage his own land Millin, Hughes and the land formerly belonging to the heirs of Crawford to my son Samuel B. Roage I will 205 acres of which I now live on to join his own land Lenison and Moses B. Roage as also all the appurtenances thereunto Belonging to him and my son Andrew (if he ever return) all my stock of horses, cattle, sheep and hogs, wagon and all farming utensils (if not) then said S. B. Roage to own said stock. I do hereby constitute and appoint said S. B. Roage my lawful executor as a compensation

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there for I leave him my two black boys to wit Aaron and Lewis and also Nancy and her child Evaline at the death of his mother and do direct and allow that the black man Wm. be sold in order to pay claims that may be against my Estate, Believing as I do that he will not be subject to control. In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name & offered my seal this 7th day of Jany. 1828.

Josiah Beard
G. ... Althar

Will'm. Poage

Codicil to the above 1st will and testament of mine to further bequeath to my grand daughter Peggy Lamb Hill one negro child named Charlottie about three months old in testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand & seal this 25th day of March 1830.

Josiah Beard
G. ... Althar

William Poage

Pocahontas County June Court 1830

This last will and testament of William Poage decd. was presented in court and proven by the oaths of Josiah Beard and George ... Althar subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Teste

Henry ... Moffett, clk.

Marlinton,
Roanoke County

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Marlinton, W. Va.
Roanoke County

March 29, 1826, Appraisement of Slaves, Will Book
No. 1, Page 87.

Inventory and appraisement of the personal property
belonging to the Estate of Jacob Warwick, Deed. taken on
the 29th of March 1826.

Negroes

Peter ----- 500.

Amor ----- 150.

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Jan. 21, 1853, Appraisal of Slaves, Will Book 1, p 387.

The following is the appraisal bill of the slaves belonging to
the estate of Isaac McNeal:

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|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Negro woman called Belah ----- | \$ 200.00 |
| Negro girl Hannah ----- | 50.00 |
| Negro man Elijah ----- | 150.00 |
| Negro boy Charles ----- | 80.00 |
| Negro boy Linscy ----- | 250.00 |
| Negro girl Lucy ----- | 200.00 |
| Negro woman Margaret ----- | 240.00 |
| Negro boy Math ----- | 70.00 |
| Negro man Jerry ----- | 400.00 |
| Negro woman Letty ----- | 250.00 |
| Negro girl Mary ----- | 70.00 |
| Negro boy Allen ----- | 235.00 |
| Negro boy Washington ----- | 100.00 |
| Negro girl Alice ----- | 140.00 |
| Negro woman Abby ----- | 235.00 |
| Negro girl Lizzy ----- | 200.00 |
| Negro boy Lase ----- | 165.00 |
| Negro boy Olborn ----- | 100.00 |

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March 31, 1836, Sale of Slaves, Will Book No 1, page 93.

.. list of the personal property of the Estate of
Jacob "urwick, Esq. sold on the 30th & 31st day of March,
1836.

To Ben -

Mallato girl (named Tamer) \$ 1.00

To Adam See-

Negro man (named Peter) 700.00

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Clover Lick, W. Va.
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Chapter 4, Section 4, part b.

(The following information concerning some of the mills in my report for Jan. 19th has been learned)

Jonathan McNeill in his will dated October 13, 1825 willed to his wife Phebe Moore McNeill his grist mill and all of its several conveniences. Mrs. McNeill attended this mill for many years. Sometimes that mill would have to run day and night to supply the custom and to avoid grinding on the Sabbath. There use to be an old saying that "an honest miller has hair on the palm of his right hand." Were this a fact Aunt Pehbe's right hand would have been more hairy than Esau's. *(Hist. Poca. by Price)

Adam Sharatt who owned a mill on Greenbrier River was a son-in-law of Michael Daugherty. The dam built by him was so substantial that it remained long after the mill went to ruin. It was finally declared a public nuisance and destroyed.

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(I found almost all of this material in Will Books No. 1 and No. 2 at the Court House.)

Slaves.

These slave owners all had farms of one to three thousand acres and in their will referred to them as plantations.

1. William Poage Sr. of the Levels in his will dated 1828 wills his slaves as follows.
To my wife, Margaret Davies Poage, one black woman Nancy.

To my son James Poage, one black boy Peter. (valued at \$275)

To my daughter, Elizabeth (Mrs. John Hill) my black girl Rachel (valued at \$100.)

I appoint as executor of my estate Samuel D. Poage, my son; and for compensation thereof I leave him my two black boys, Aaron (\$300) and Lewis (\$150) also Nancy (\$250) and her child Eveline (\$75)

And that the black man William (\$200) be sold in order to pay any claims that may be against my estate believing as I do that he shall not be subject to control.

To my granddaughter Peggy Hill (Mrs. William P. Hill) one negro child about three

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months old named Charlotte (\$40).

2. William Poage Jr. of Marlins Bottom wills his slaves.

To my daughter Mary V. Poage, one negro woman named Polly and her three children, India, Kate and Westly and in case she shall die without issue the above negro slaves shall go to my daughter Rachel Beard.

To my daughter Margaret (Mrs. James A. Price) one negro woman named Peggy and her child now four years old called Caroline, and a negro man named Jess. In case she shall die without issue they are to go to Woods Poage.

To my son Woods Poage one negro man named George, one negro boy named John, also one other boy named Sam and one negro woman named Eliza. In case he shall die without issue the slaves are to be sold and be divided among my daughters.

William Poage imported an iron cook stove to take the place of the open fireplace. A number of the neighbors had gathered to see how it worked. Westly Brown, the slave boy, had gathered a lot of buckeyes and put them in the stove. When the stove was well fired up it exploded and was a total wreck. Wes escaped to the woods and stayed hid all day.

3. In the will of Micheal Cleek.

To my wife Margaret my two negro women, Betty and Sally. At my wife's death Betty and her increase are to go to my son William, and Sally and her increase are to go to my son John.

4. Robert Rhea in his will.

To my wife Catherine Rhea one negro boy named Brutes (\$200) one negro girl named Mary (\$75) also three negro boys named Lewis (\$125), Ben (\$400), and George (\$50) and one girl named Esther (\$225) during her natural life and widowhood. Then to be sold and become as my movable property.

Nellie V. McLaughlin
Marlinton, Va.
Dorchester County

5. Isaac McNeal in his will.

I purchased of my son Paul McNeal a negro boy named Cyrus for whom I paid \$400. Paul McNeal purchased this boy from Jesse James of Nicholas County. Now, I have understood that a suit is now pending in the superior court of chancery at Greenbrier Court House in the name of the administrator of a certain Thomas Bird, deceased, against the said Jesse James and others for the recovery of the negro boy Cyrus, as well as other negroes. In order to prevent all controversy which might arise, concerning Cyrus, I hereby give the said negro boy Cyrus to my son Paul McNeal.

To my son John McNeal my negro man Elijah to save him until the said Elijah shall arrive at the age of 45 and no longer. As he has been a good and faithful servant to me, it is my will that when he reaches the age of 45 that he shall be free and emancipated. I furthermore give to my son, John McNeal, my negro boy child named Charles to him and his heirs forever.

My negro woman named Cealey and her future increase for the use of my daughter Hannah Wallace and her family during her natural life. That is to say that the said Hannah Wallace is to hold and enjoy the use and posession of said negro woman Cealey and her increase. After her death, the said Cealey and her increase are to descend and be absolute vested in the children of the said Hannah Wallace by her present husband Benjamine Wallace. My object in this advice is to place said negroes out of the control of my daughter's husband Benjamine Wallace, whose habits of life would soon dissipate the substance which I intend for the comfort and convenience of my daughter and her children.

To my daughter, Nancy (Mrs. William C. Price) one negro woman named Margaret and her future increase to her and hers forever.

To my daughter Martha (Mrs. David McQue) one girl named Lucy and her future increase to her and hers forever.

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To my daughter Rachel (Mrs. Jacob Crouch) one negro woman named Letty and
her future increase to her and hers forever.

To my daughter Catherine (Mrs. Charles Wade) one negro girl named Cleo and her
future increase.

To my daughter Elizabeth (Mrs. Jacob Sharp of Fairview) one negro woman named
Amy and her future increase.

To my son Richard McNeel one negro boy named Linsey.

To my son Jacob McNeel two negro boys named Allen, and Washington.

To my daughter Miriam (Mrs. Joseph McClung) one negro girl named Lizy.

To my son Samuel Elis McNeel one negro boy named Lacy and one named Claibourn.

6. Joseph Oldham.

To my wife Ann my negro man Bob to her and hers forever.

7. James Lewis.

To my daughter Elizabeth my negro girl named Abby valued at \$400.

8. Jacob Lightner in his will dated in 1842.

To my wife Betsy Lightner one negro boy Charles (\$225) one negro girl Fanny
(\$175)

The following slaves owned by Jacob Lightner were not willed
but were appraised and sold. One negro man Bill (appraised \$325) sold to Mrs.
Lightner for \$325. Bill had been bought by Jacob Lightner at the sale of Andrew
Gettewood for \$450 in 1832. One negro woman Mary appraised and sold to Mrs. Lightner
for \$200. One negro girl, Margaret appraised and sold to Mrs. Lightner for \$140.
One negro boy named Stuart appraised and sold to Mrs. Lightner \$170. One negro boy
Titus appraised at \$375 sold to Peter Lightner for \$300.

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Pocahontas County
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copied from will Book No. 3, page 189, in County Clerk's
office of Pocahontas County.

" The Negro in West Virginia ".

I, Lanty Lockridge Sen. of Knapps Creek, Pocahontas County
Virginia, do make and publish my last will and testament in
manner & form following:

Item 1.

I give and bequeath to my wife (absolutely and in fee) all my
household and kitchen furniture of every kind & description,
also three cows and one horse & ten sheep (her choice). I
also give to her my servant Tamer, absolutely and in fee,
provided she does not claim dower in the lands I have conveyed
heretofore to my son James T., if she does claim dower,- then
I give her said servant for life and at her death I give and
bequeath said servant Tamer to my son James T. and his heirs-
I also give her during her life-time my servant John, and after
her death, said John to pass to my son James T. in fee,- in or-
der that my said son may support and take care of him in his
old age - I also give to my wife all the residue of my estate
that I may not specifically bequeath herein & require for her
at the hands of my son James T. a comfortable support and
maintenance, for herself servants and stock (or a like number)
for and during her natural life.

Item 2.

I require my son James T. in consideration of conveyances
heretofore made & bequests herein after - to support his mother
servants and stock aforesaid comfortably, plentifully & kindly
for and during her life - I give and bequeath to him for life

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my servants Rebecca and her child Ellen and their future increase, Anthony & London, & at his death to his children and their heirs absolutely. I also give him my servants Fanny and John (after his mother's death) and require him to support and take care of them in their old age.

Item 3.

I give and bequeath to my son Lanty, for life, my servants Bill & Math, and after his death said slaves to pass absolutely to his children and their heirs.

Item 4.

I give to William Skeen in trust for the benefit of my daughter Elizabeth Herold the sum of one hundred dollars - Also in trust for the benefit of my daughter Jane Callihan the sum of two hundred dollars, to be held by him free from the control of their husbands & their creditors - or settled by him in that way, so as to secure the same to them as aforesaid & enable them at their death to dispose of the same as they may wish.

Item 5.

I give to my grandsons Lanty Lockridge son of Mathias, and Lanty Lockridge son of Andrew, & Lanty Rucker son of Ephraim Rucker, the sum of one hundred dollars each, when they shall severally attain the age of 21 years (after my decease).

Item 6.

I give and bequeath to my grand-son Lanty Seebert - son of my servant Charles, - to him and his heirs.

Item 7.

I give and bequeath to my grand-son Lanty Hickman, my servant boy Tom, & to my grand daughter Elizabeth Hickman my servant

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Susan & her increase and in case either should die without issue then it is my will that the survivor and his or her heirs take said slaves and increase & that should both of said grand children die without issue, that said slaves & their increase revert back to my estate & be equally divided between my Grand son William B. (son of Lanty Lockridge Jr.) & my grand daughter Florence (daughter of James T.) & their heirs.

Item 8.

I give to my grand daughter Florence (daughter of my son James) & to her heirs, my servant Fannie and her increase, but should she die without issue, I give said slave and her increase to my son James and his wife for life, & after their death to their son (not yet named).

I have already given my daughters Harriet Gross, Rebecca Seebert, and Ellen Slavens, each a servant girl and to my sons Andrew and Mathias in their life-time what I intended them & to my other daughters with the bequests herein contained what I severally intended for them - hence the provisions and bequests made as I have done.

Lastly I constitute and appoint my friend William Skeen, Executor of this my last will and Testament.

In witness thereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, this 7th day of June A.D. 1858.)
Signed sealed and acknowledged by Lanty Lockridge - on, us and for his last will and testament, in the presence of us who in the presence of testator & of each other, have signed our names as witnesses hereto, at his request, ---
William Clegg
W. Skeen

Lanty Lockridge

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Pocahontas County Court.

January Term 1859.

The last will and testament of Lanty Lockridge decd. was produced in Court & proved by the oaths of William Cleek & William Sheen subscribing witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded.

Attest

William Garry Clerk

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I William Poage, Jr. of the county of Pocahontas, do hereby make my last will and testament in the manner and form following, 1st. I give and bequeath to my wife Polly my land on the Watering Pond creek, or rather Williams River containing 550 acres more or less and also all and every species of property and household furniture that she got from her father, to her and to hers forever. 2nd. I give and bequeath to my daughter Rachel who is married to Josiah Beard, one certain parcel of land lying in the Little Levels joining to my father and more particularly described in a deed of gift to the said Rachel, to her and her heirs forever. It is my desire that her son William may have the said land. 3rd. I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Mary V. Poage one certain parcel of land containing 280 acres in the Little Levels and more particularly described in a deed of gift made to the said Mary, also my Roan horse and two beds, four pairs of blankets, two double coverleds, one single one, two white counterpins, one negro woman named Polly and her children India, Kate and Westley and in case the said Mary should die without issue the negro slave Polly and her children before mentioned are to go to my daughter Rachel Beard, and in case of said Mary ^{death} the property and articles to be equally divided between my daughter Margaret and my Son Woods Poage. 4th. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Margaret D. Poage one half of the land I now live on known by the name of Marlins bottom, with one half of the other lands I have

adjoining the same, and in case the sd. Margaret should die without issue then the said lands are to go to my son Woods Poage. I also give to the said Margaret one bay horse called Dick and one bureau, two beds and the same quantity of bed clothes given to my daughter Mary, likewise one negro woman named Peggy and her child now four years old called Caroline and one negro man named Jess and in case the said Margaret should die without issue the said negroes to become the property of my son Woods, and the horse and beds to belong to Mary. 5th. I give and bequeath unto my son Woods Poage the other half of the lands left to my daughter Margaret, and in case the said Woods should die without issue to go to my daughter Margaret. I also give to the said Woods one bay horse called Jackson and the balance of my beds and bed clothes not mentioned, also one negro man named George, one boy named John also one other boy named Sam and one negro woman named Eliza, and in case the said Woods should die without issue the said negroes and other property (land excepted) be sold and be divided between my four daughters equally. All the rest of my estate both real and personal of what nature or kind soever it may be, not heretofore disposed of, I desire may be sold and equally divided between my daughters Margaret and Mary and my son Woods. After the payment of my just debts and funeral expenses ~~are~~ paid, except four cows I leave to my wife Polly in addition to what I left her in the first item- and lastly I do hereby constitute my friends Josiah Beard and Samuel D. Poage executors of my last will and testament my me heretofore made

and believing myself to be sound of mind and memory at this time
do it coolly and deliberately with my own hands. In witness
whereof I have here unto set my hand and seal this the tenth
day of June in the year of eighteen hundred twenty six, signed
and sealed, published and declared by William Poage, Jr. as
and for his last will and testament in the
presence of these as witnesses.

William Arbogast

William Poage, Jr. (seal)

L. H. Perkins

Thomas Cochran, Jr.

This was Major William Poage who at one time owned all of the land on which the town of Marlinton now stands. It is said that he brought in the first cook stove to that section. It was set up and all of the neighbors called in to see how it worked. In the meantime the slave boy Westley Brown gathered a basket of buckeyes and filled the stove with them thinking they would make good fuel. The fire was lighted, but when the buckeyes got hot they exploded making a total wreck of the new stove. He, fearing punishment, ran to the woods and hid for several hours before getting up courage enough to return.

The daughter Margaret he refers to married James Atlee Price and became the grandmother of Andrew and Calvin Price of Marlinton. During the Civil War the troops set fire to the old covered bridge across Greenbrier River at Marlins Bottom

(now Marlinton) but Mrs Price with the help of the slaves on the Marlins Bottom farm succeeded in putting out the fire and saved the bridge from being destroyed. Mrs. Price also sent six sons into the war to fight for the Confederate cause. Woods Poage had sold his half of this farm to the Prices and had moved to what is now called ^{the} Poage Lane community.

Note-

One thing will be noticed in dealing with the slaves of Pocahontas county, almost all of the slave owners lived in the lower half of the county which had been settled mostly by the Scotch-Irish. There were very few slave holders among the German Dutch who settled the upper half of the county.

J. A.

The daughter Mary V. referred to in the will of William Poage married Robert Beale and lived on Elk. In the inventory of the sale of Robert Beale in 1833 his black boy Charles was bought by Mary V. Beale for \$52.00 and his black girl Julia was bought by Thomas Casebolt for \$66.00

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Will of Andrew Gatewood
Benton, Va.
Roanoke County

Feb. 10, 1832, Appraisal of Slaves, Will Book 1, Page 307.

In pursuance of an order of the County Court of
Roanoke County at February term 1832 we the subscribed
being first duly sworn have appraised the land, slaves and
personal Estate of Andrew M. Gatewood Deceased in the
following manner, to wit:

Willed to be sold:

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| 1 negro man slave named Bill ----- | 400.00 |
| 1 negro man slave named Jefry ----- | 250.00 |
| 1 negro boy slave named Lewis ----- | 375.00 |
| 1 negro boy slave named Davy ----- | 150.00 |
| 1 negro boy slave named Harry ----- | 150.00 |
| 1 negro man named Daniel ----- | 30.00 |
| 1 negro woman slave named Mary ----- | 5.00 |
| 1 negro woman slave named Mariah ----- | 150.00 |
| 1 negro woman slave named Eliza ----- | 175.00 |

Willed to Eliza Gatewood:

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| 1 negro boy Tom ----- | 200.00 |
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POCAHONTAS COUNTY

Juanita S. Dilley

Clover Lick, W. Va.

July 25, 1940

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SLAVES

Here is the name of one slave holder that I somehow overlooked when I sent in the names of slaveholders in the county.

James Callison in his will; "It is my desire that my black men Henry Lewis remain on the farm to assist my son Josiah Callison in working the farm and attending to my wife until he arrives to the age of forty-five at which time it is my desire he should be freed provided he proves a faithful and obedient slave, but if he should prove to be stubborn and unfaithful in the discharge of all lawful commands, it is my desire he should be sold to some good master, not a negro trader, and the money arising from such sale be equally divided among all my children aforesaid."

According to Prices History of Pocahontas County, this James Callison came to Lower Pocahontas in 1762. He married Susan Edmiston. They were the parents of five sons and two daughters. All of these sons were among the more prosperous citizens of lower Pocahontas. They were devoted to farming and raising live stock, thus contributing very much to the substantial prosperity of our county.

Every one has heard of Jacob Warwick's famous servant Ben who accompanied him on all of his warring, hunting and surveying trips, and to whom his master granted his freedom. In the August term of court 1827 the following order was entered in reference to his life and character:

" Ben, a man of color, who is entitled to his freedom under the last will and testament of Jacob Warwick, deceased, bearing date on the 7th day of March, 1818, of record in the Clerks Office of this county. This day motioned the court, (the commonwealth attorney being present) for permission to remain in this county: whereupon, it is the opinion of the court, that the said Ben be permitted to remain and reside for his general good conduct and also for acts of extraordinary merit, it appearing to their satisfaction that the said Ben hath given reasonable notice of this motion.

" The acts of merit, upon which the order of the court is founded, are the following:

" It appearing from the evidence of Mr. Robert Gay that at an early period when the county of Bath (now Pocahontas) was invaded by the Indians, he protected with fidelity the possessions of his master, and assisted in defending the inhabitants from the tomahawk and scalping knife.

" In addition to this public service it appears from the evidences of Messers Waugh and F. Bruffey that he had rendered most essential service to his master in saving his life on divers occasions.

" Upon these meritorious acts the court grounded this order"

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Wells W. McNaughlin
Preston, W. Va.
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April 15, 1836, Transfer of slaves by will, Will Book 1, p 96.

In the name of God Amen, I Abraham McNeal of the County of Pocahontas, State of Virginia, being weak in body but of sound mind and disposing memory and calling to mind the great uncertainty of this life, have made and published this my last will and testament in manner following, that is to say--

Item 1st. I will and desire that my Executors hereinafter mentioned, do as soon as convenient after my death pay off and discharge all my just debts and funeral expenses out of the proceeds of the sale of such part of my personal estate, as I shall hereinafter demise and will to be sold.

Item 2nd. I will and bequeath to my affectionate wife Magdalene McNeal during her natural life the old home tract of land on which I now reside containing about eight hundred acres, and after her death to my two younger sons, Henry Washington McNeal and William Lamb McNeal to them and their heirs forever to be equally divided among them.

Item 3rd. If my said wife should depart this life before my two youngest sons, Henry Washington McNeal and William Lamb McNeal should respectively arrive to the age of twenty-one years, I then require my said Executors herein after mentioned, or those who may have the guardianship of my said sons, to rent said land out, and the proceeds of such rent or a sufficient part thereof to be applied towards their education, and maintenance, and the balance, if any should remain,

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to be put at interest until they arrive to lawful age.

Item 4th. I will and bequeath to my two sons John McNeel and Abraham McNeel, the tract of land which I purchased from James Laird containing about three hundred acres and likewise all the land which I purchased from Phillip Swisher, James Johnson and Thomas Scott lying upon the waters of Stamping Creek to them and their heirs forever to be equally divided between them.

Item 5th. I will and bequeath to my five daughters Elizabeth Jane, Peggy Beard, Nancy Rankin, Miriam Beard and Polly McNeel one thousand acres of land on Cranberry Creek to them and their heirs forever to be equally divided between them.

Item 6th. I will and give to my said wife Magdalen four of my best feather beds, bedding, bedclothes, and bedsteads, six of my best milch cows, four of my best horses and one mare to be chosen by her from among my horse beasts --- all my other household and kitchen furniture (the other beds and bedding excepted), farming utensils, to her and her heirs forever trusting that at her death she will make such distribution of these chattels between all my children, as she may think right.

Item 7th. I will and bequeath to my said wife during her widowhood, my three black men Nathan, Martin and Major, to live and remain upon the home plantation with her and assist in ordering the farm and raising my sons. And if my said wife

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should get married or die before my four sons John Abraham,
Henry Washington and William L. McNeal should arrive to 21
years of age, then I will and desire my said Executors to
hire the said black men, until John and Abraham McNeal shall
arrive at age -- at which time to wit the arrival of age of
my sons John and Abraham McNeal, I desire my said Executors to
place in their hands two of the said black men, one to each of
them, so the black men may choose to accept as their masters
to whom they are hereby given to them and theirs forever, and
as these black men have been good and faithful servants to me,
I do enjoin it upon my said sons John and Abraham to treat them
kind and lenient and to be to them good masters. The other
black man my Executors will hire out until my two sons
Henry Washington and William Lamb McNeal shall arrive at age
at which time, my Executors will place him into the hands of
one of my last mentioned sons, to whom he will most willingly
go to be his property forever upon his paying to his brother
one half of the value of the said black man last mentioned,
and the money that may arrive from the hire of said black man
to be equally divided amongst my four boys mentioned above -
but if my said wife should not get married nor die before the
said John, Abraham, Henry Washington and William Lamb McNeal
shall arrive to the age of twenty-one then at her death I will
to the two oldest boys John and Abraham, the one of my said black
men and the other to my two boys Henry a. and William L. McNeal
in the manner above mentioned.

Item 6th. I will and desire that a land be granted to my

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sons John and Abraham be rented out and the money put at interest yearly until they respectively arrive to the age of twenty-one.

Item 9th. I will and bequeath to my wife the black girl Nancy and her increase to her and her heirs forever - with a desire that she at her death may leave her to one of my youngest sons.

Item 10th. As the unfortunate situation of my daughter Polly will render it necessary that some friend should take care of her, and her estate, and see that justice is done her, I hereby appoint my wife her guardian, during her life and at her death, I do appoint and desire that my son-in-law William Beard will take her under his charge and guardianship, rent out her land and put what money may fall to her share at interest for her maintenance and support, when she shall be old and probably without a friend.

Item 11th. I will and desire that my executors sell all of the personal property of which I may die seized of every description (except that which has been herein specifically devised) and the money arising from such sale after the payment of all my just debts and other expenses to be equally divided between all my said children above mentioned and my two grandsons Washington and Oscar Butcher.

Item 12th. I will and desire that the money shall fall to my granddaughters, be put at interest by my executors until they respectively arrive to the age of twenty-one.

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lastly, I do hereby appoint my two nephews John Hill and
Thomas Hill my executors to this my 1st will and testament
hereby revoking all other and former wills by me heretofore
made. In testimony whereof I, Abraham McNeel, have hereunto
set my hand and affixed my seal this 15th day of April 1826
and in the year of the Commonwealth.

Signed, sealed, published
in our presence.

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J. ... Alther
John Jordin

his
Abraham McNeel
mark

Pocahontas County Court May Term 1826!

This last will and testament of Abraham McNeel deceased was
presented in Court and proven by the oaths of George Poage
and John Jordin two of the subscribing witnesses thereto
and ordered to be recorded.

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Josiah Beard, Clerk

(Negroes)

Will of Isaac McNeel
Parlineton, Va.
Pocahontas County
Jan. 3, 1941

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Will of Isaac McNeel copied from will Book No. 1, page 300
in County Clerk's office, Pocahontas County.

I Isaac McNeel of Pocahontas County and State of Virginia
being of sound mind and disposing memory but weak in bodily
health - mindful of the uncertainty of this life do make and
publish this my last will and testament in manner and form
following that is to say -----

In the first place it is my will & desire that my Executors
hereafter mentioned do as soon as convenient after my death
sell all the personal Estate of which I may die seized,
except my negroes and such part of my said personal estate
as may be herein after specially devised and that the pro-
ceeds of such sale after the payment of Funeral expenses and
my just debts be equally divided among all my daughters then
living. and I do hereby constitute and appoint my son Paul
McNeel a Trustee for and on behalf of my daughter Hannah
Wallace to take receive hold and take care of all such sums
of money which by this or any other devise in this will may
fall to the share or portion of the said Hannah Wallace wife
of Benjamin Wallace for the special use and benefit of the
said Hannah Wallace and her children so that when necessity
shall require the said money in the hands of said Trustee
may be appropriated by him for the use and relief of the said
Hannah Wallace free from the control of all and every other
kinsman or persons whatsoever.

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2. All the money that may be due and owing me at my death by judgment bond note or otherwise I desire to be collected as speedily as practicable & it is my will that when said money be collected it shall be equally divided amongst all my daughters except Hannah Wallace who is hereby allowed no part thereof to them and their heirs forever.

3. I purchased of my son Paul McNeel a negro boy named Cyrus for whom I paid him about four hundred dollars. This negro boy the said Paul McNeel purchased of a certain Jesse James of Nicholas County. Now I understand that a suit is now pending in the Superior Court of Chancery at Greenbrier Court House in the name of the Administrator of a certain Thomas Bird decd. against the said Jesse James & others for the recovery of the negro boy Cyrus as well as other negroes. It is probable that the negro boy Cyrus may be gained by the plft. in said suit in which event the said Paul McNeel would be responsible to me for the purchase money which I have paid him for said negro. In order therefore to save and prevent all controversy which might possibly arise concerning suit negro Cyrus in the event he should be lost. I hereby give the said negro boy Cyrus to my son Paul McNeel & if he should be lost by said suit then I give him the purchase money I have paid for him (said Negro) which the said Paul McNeel would be liable for, to me or my estate. The true intent of this devise is that in case the negro is held by me or my estate after the determination of said suit he is to be the property of Paul McNeel otherwise if he should be lost, then

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I hereby release to him the price paid by me for said negro
for which the said Paul would be liable.

4. I give and bequeath to my son John McNeel my negro man
Elijah to save him until the said Elijah shall arrive to the
age of forty-five and no longer and as he has been a good and
faithful servant to me it is my will and I hereby so desire
and direct that the said Elijah shall on his attaining the
age of forty-five be free and emancipated: & I hereby au-
thorize my power and direct my said son or either of my Exec-
utors by the proper and necessary writing to manumit and set
at liberty the said negro man Elijah as soon as he shall be
forty-five years of age. I furthermore give and bequeath
to my said son Paul McNeel my negro boy child named Charles to
him and his heirs forever.

5. I will and bequeath to my son Paul McNeel Trustee my
negro woman Cesley and her future increase for the use and
benefit of my daughter Hannah Wallace and her family during
her natural life that is to say the said Hannah Wallace is
to hold and enjoy the use and possession of said negro woman
Cesley and her said increase and after her death the said
negro woman and her said increase are to descend to and be
absolutely vested in the children of the said Hannah Wallace
by her present husband Benjamin Wallace then living to them
and their heirs forever. My object in this devise is to
place said negro woman and her said increase out of the con-
trol and management of my said daughter's husband Benjamin
as he is too apt to dissipate the sub-

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stance which I intend for the comfort and convenience of my said daughter and children.

6. I give and bequeath to my daughter Nancy one negro woman named Margater and her future increase to her and her heirs forever.
7. I give to my daughter Martha McCue one negro girl and her increase named Lucy now her posession to her and her heirs forever.
8. I give to my daughter Rachel McNeel one negro woman named Letty and her future increase to her and her heirs forever.
9. I give to my daughter Catherine McNeel one Negro girl named Cloe & her future increase to her and her heirs forever.
10. I give to my daughter Elizabeth McNeel one negro woman named Amy and her increase to her and her heirs forever.
11. I give to my son Richard McNeel one negro boy named Linsey to him and his heirs forever.
12. I give to my son Isaac McNeel one negro man named Jerry to him and his heirs forever.
13. I give to my son Jacob McNeel one negro boy named Allen to him and his heirs forever.
14. I give to my daughter Larien one negro girl named Lizy to her and her heirs forever.
15. I give to my son Samuel Ellis McNeel one negro boy named May to him and his heirs forever.

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16. I give to my son Jacob McNeel one negro boy named Washington to him and his heirs forever.

17. I give to my son Samuel Ellis McNeel one other negro boy named Claibourne to him and his heirs forever,

18. It is my will and desire and I hereby direct that my executors make sale of my tract of land lying on Williams River containing about 5338 acres upon such terms and in such manner as they may think most advisable & conducive to the interest of those interested and the money arising from such sale I hereby will to be divided equally amongst my four daughters Nancy McNeel, Catherine McNeel, Elizabeth McNeel and Marion McNeel to them and their heirs forever. And I hereby empower my executors to make and execute deeds in fee simple to the purchaser or purchasers of said land hereby devised to be sold as above said.

19. I will and devise to my son Samuel Ellis McNeel two tracts of land one containing one hundred fifty acres lying in Stamping Creek in Pocahontas County called the McKeever place, the other containing six hundred & sixty-six acres not joining the McKeever place to him and his heirs forever.

20. I will and devise my tract of land on which I now live containing by an inclusive survey seventeen hundred and thirty four acres to my four sons John McNeel, Richard McNeel, Isaac McNeel, and Jacob McNeel to them and their heirs forever, to be laid off and divided amongst them according to quality and

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quantity in such a form and manner so that my son John McNeel shall have the dwelling house, spring house and barn formerly occupied by my father John McNeel decd. embraced within his division. My son Richard McNeel shall have the barn, still house and stills on the Swisher place embraced in his portion. My son Isaac McNeel shall have the house and orchard on the Brindly place embraced in his division and my son Jacob McNeel shall have the dwelling house, barn and orchard where I now reside embraced within his portion. It is further my will that as the portion of my said tract of 1734 acres which by his devise will fall to the share of my son Jacob McNeel will exceed in value the two tracts I have given to my son Sam'l ~~Elis~~ McNeel that the said Jacob McNeel shall on his arrival to the age of twenty one pay to my son Samuel ~~Elis~~ McNeel the sum of six hundred dollars by way of equalizing the portion of the Samuel ~~Elis~~ McNeel with that of the said Jacob McNeel. This sum of six hundred dollars the said Jacob will pay over to the Guardian of the said Sam'l ~~Elis~~ McNeel or to such persons as may be entitled to receive the same. I will remark that I have given my son Paul McNeel a valuable tract of land in Randolph County, which is as much as I can do for him in the way of land except such assistance which I may hereafter afford him in purchasing more land adjoining his tract in Randolph County.

VI. I give to my wife and son three horses & one brood mare, six cows and calves twelve head of sheep, fifteen head of swine and as many colts as I may choose out of my stock

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of horses cattle sheep and hogs. Also I give to my said wife three feather beds bedsteads and bed clothing for the same which she may select out of my beds to her and her heirs forever. I also will the tract of land which shall or may fall to the share of my son Jacob McNeel by the division directed in the 20th Item of this will to my wife Ann McNeel for the duration of her natural or so long as she remains my widow I wish her to remain and live upon the portion that shall fall to my son Jacob McNeel during her life or widowhood and retain upon the place the negroes that are bequeathed and given to my younger children to aid and assist her in raising our said children and I trust that at her death she will give the personal property I have given her & its increase equally amongst our children or to such of them as she may think proper. I desire and so will it that the negro man Jerry given to my son Isaac McNeel shall remain upon the plantation with my wife to cultivate and assist in working the farm until my said son Isaac shall arrive at 21 years of age and that the negroes given to my daughters Nancy, Elizabeth Catherine & Rachel & Marian shall also remain with my wife & under her control to aid and assist her until my said daughters shall respectively marry or cease to live with their mother and that the negroes given to my son Jacob and Samuel Ann McNeel shall also remain with my wife for the purpose aforesaid until my sons last mentioned shall attain the ages of 21 respectively unless my wife should sooner die or marry.

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22. I give to each of my daughters now single and unmarried, two feather beds and bed clothing for the same, and to each of my sons, two feather beds and bed clothing for the same, to them and their heirs forever.

23. I also give to my wife Ann McNeel the Plantation wagon and gears for two horses two ploughs and two cradles & scythes 4 reaping hooks or sickles two axes, three hoes for the use of the farm to her and her heirs forever also two pots one oven the knives forks cups & saucers dishes and spoons and all the crockery ware that may belong to the house.

LASTLY, I do hereby appoint Paul McNeel, Johnson Reynolds and John Hill my Executors of this my last will and Testament hereby working and making void all other and former wills by me made do make and publish this as my last will & Testament.

In Testimony whereof I Isaac McNeel in the presence of the subscribing witnesses hereto have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal this 5th day of August 1829

Signed sealed published and acknowledged in the presence of

Milbern Hughes
Paul McKeever

Isaac McNeel
Pocahontas County Court February 1833

This last will and Testament of Isaac McNeel decd. was presented in court and proven by Milbern Hughes and the handwriting of the other witness was proven by Thomas Hill James Sharp and Valentine Cuckley and admitted to record

• ante H. H. Moffett Clk

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Dr Samuel Jones Bampfield

Dr. Samuel J. Bampfield, aged 64 years, Superintendent of the State Tuberculosis Hospital, died at his home in Denmar on Friday morning, February 23, 1940. He had been in failing health the past three months. The immediate cause of his death was a stroke of paralysis.

On Sunday afternoon the funeral was conducted from the home by Rev. J. Thomas Reed, of Covington, Virginia, assisted by Rev. R. P. Johnson of Kimball, West Virginia. Tributes to his memory were made by Colonel John Baker White, of the State Board of Control, and Dr. Joe E. Brown, of Keystone, a fellow member of the Flat Top Medical Association. Interment was made in the hospital grounds by special request of the deceased. The service was largely attended by friends from far and near.

Samuel Jones Bampfield was born April 1, 1876, son of John G. and Margaret Bampfield, of Charleston, South Carolina. They survive their son. He married Miss Ethel Blanche Spriggs on November 19, 1919. She survives her husband.

His early education was received in

the Beaufort and Charleston elementary schools. He graduated from Lincoln University, Pennsylvania, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1893. His professional training was received in the School of Medicine, Howard University, Washington, D. C. where he won his degree of M. D. in 1904. His way in school and college was not easy, but because of his persistence and determination he forged ahead and equipped himself for his life work.

Dr. Bampfield began his practice of medicine at Beckley in 1905. He remained there for 14 months, then went to Bluefield, Mercer County, where he practised for ten years. In 1917 he located in Omar, Logan County, where he remained until September 1, 1933, when he received the appointment as Superintendent of Denmar Sanatorium by Governor H. G. Kump, which was a fitting tribute to his ability and worth.

Doctor Bampfield will always be remembered not only for his ability as a skilled physician and a man of lofty ideals, but for the magnificent work he has accomplished in the erection and expansion of the new Denmar Sanatorium.

Doctor Bampfield was loyal and efficient in his service to the State and to his friends. His place will be most difficult to fill.

Homer A. Holt, Governor.

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Feb. 17 & 18, 1852, Sale of Slaves, Will Book 1, p. 313.

The sale Bill of the property of Andrew K. Gatewood
late exposed to sale by the Executor James McCue on the
17th & 18th days of February, 1852.

Sold to:

Henry Harper:

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| one negro boy named Lewis ----- | 380.00 |
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Thomas Galford:

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| one negro woman and boy Harry ----- | 325.00 |
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Henry Hoover:

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| 1 negro woman Mariah & boy David ----- | 295.00 |
| 1 negro man Jeffry ----- | 318.00 |

Jacob Lightner:

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|------------------------|--------|
| 1 negro man Bill ----- | 450.00 |
|------------------------|--------|

John Graham:

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| 1 negro woman Mary ----- | 1.00 |
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Nelle Y. McLaughlin
Marlinton, " Va.
Focabontas County
Dec. 20, 1940

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"The Negro of West Virginia"

In the name of God, Amen. I Jacob Warwick of Clover-Lick,
in the County of Bath, and state of Virginia, Considering
the uncertainty of this mortal life, and being of sound and
perfect mind and memory blessed be Almighty God for the same,
do make and publish this my last will and Testament, in manner
and form following - that is to say, in the first place I de-
sire that all my just debts be paid and satisfied.

2nd I give and bequeath unto my loving wife Mary Warwick
One Negro Man named Jim, his wife Venus, and their two
children, (to wit, Phillis, and Leroy, and one Negro Girl of
the name of Prudence. Also all my household and kitchen
furniture of every kind and description to be disposed of
as she may think proper.

3rd. I give and bequeath unto Adam Sea, who is married to
my daughter Margaret, One Negro "an named Isaac and his wife
Ellison together with ~~the~~ four children to wit, Moses, Amy,
Aaron, and Sarah and all their issue, and to his Heirs, or as-
signs forever.

4th. I give and Bequeath unto George Sea, son of the said
Adam Sea, one "egro Boy by the name of Jim, son of Isaac.
Also one certain tract or parcel of land containing Five
hundred acres, lying and being in the County of Randolph
on the old field fork of Llk River, joining the land of
John Gibson below, and the Heirs of Adam Duncan above, and to
his Heirs or assigns forever.

5th. I give and Bequeath unto Jacob Sea, son of the said

7th. I give and Bequeath unto Mary Jane Sea, daughter of said Adam Sea, one Negro Girl by the name of Lotty, daughter of said Isaac, and her issue, and to her heirs or assigns forever.

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Adam Sea, One Negro Boy by the name of John, son of said Isaac. Also one certain tract or parcel of land containing three hundred and four acres lying and being in the County of Bath, on the East side of the Allegheny Mountain, on the head waters of Elk-lick run extending to the head waters of Elk River, and to his heirs or assigns forever.

6th. I give and Bequeath unto Charles Sea, son of the said Adam Sea, One Negro Boy by the name of Sam, Son of Isaac, and to his Heirs or assigns forever.

> 8th. I give and Bequeath unto Jacob Warwick Mathews, son of Sampson Mathews, one negro Boy named John, son of Venus, & to his heirs or assigns.

9th. I give and Bequeath unto Andrew Gatewood Mathews, son of Sampson , one Negro Boy named Peter, son of Venus, and to his Heirs or assigns forever.

10th. I give and Bequeath unto Sampson Mathews Junior, Son of Sampson Mathews, one negro Boy named Lewis, son of Venus. Also one certain tract or parcel of land containing one hundred and eighty acres lying and being in the County of Bath on Greenbrier River, at the place called and known by the Stoney Bottom. and to his Heirs or assigns forever.

11th. I give and Bequeath unto Andrew Warwick Lewis Cameron, son of Charles Cameron, one Negro Boy named Roberts, son of Venus. Also one certain tract or parcel of land containing Five Hundred and ninety six acres, lying and being in the County of Bath on the west side of Clover-lick

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Creek joining the land of James Kelso, and to his Heirs or assigns forever.

12th. I Give and Bequeath unto Rachel Poage, daughter of William Poage Junior one negro man, named Aaron and in case of the death of said Rachel without Issue, then the said Aaron to go to and be the property of Mary Poage Daughter of the said William Poage, and to her Heirs or assigns forever.

13th. I give and Bequeath unto Andrew Mathews Gatewood one negro Boy named Bill, (Son of Kate). Also one tract or parcel of land containing Four hundred and Eighty five acres, lying and being in the County of Bath, on the East side of James Kelso's land Clover-lick Creek. And to his Heirs or assigns forever.

14th. I give and Bequeath unto Jacob Warwick Son of Andrew S. Warwick one Negro Boy named Isaac, son of Kate and to his Heirs or assigns.

15th. I give and Bequeath unto Margaret Sea, Wife of Adam Sea, one Negro Man named Peter (Son of Kate). And to her Heirs or assigns forever.

16th. I give and Bequeath unto William Woods, who is married unto my Daughter Betsey, The plantation whereon I now live known by the name of Clover-Lick Containing Four hundred acres of land, also one tract or parcel of land containing Two hundred acres, joining the aforesaid tract of land at the lower end thereof. Also one tract or parcel of land joining the first mentioned land containing four hundred acres, the said land joins said first mentioned and at the upper end and extending up on both sides of

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Clover-lick Creek. Also one certain tract or parcel of land containing Forty acres lying and being on Green Brier River and known by the name of Browns Place. And one certain tract or parcel of land containing Four Hundred and twenty seven acres lying and being on the west side of Clover-lick Survey and joining said land (the whole of the above mentioned lies in the County of Bath. And to his Heirs or assigns forever.

17th. I give and Bequeath unto Warwick Gatewood, son of William Gatewood, one certain tract or parcel of land containing Three hundred and twenty three acres lying and being in Randolph County on the head waters of Elk River, at the place known by the name of Roaring Spring and to his Heirs or assigns forever.

18th. I give and Bequeath unto Woods Poage son of William Poage Junior one certain Tract or parcel of land containing One hundred and Eighty acres lying and being in the County of Bath on the west side of Green-Brier River, called the Richlands near Clover-lick. Also one certain Tract or parcel of land containing One hundred and Sixty nine acres lying and being in the County of Bath near Clover-lick. Between the lands of Andrew Sitlington (now Andrew Zwen's) and my own land and to his heirs or assigns forever.

19th. I give and Bequeath unto Mary Poage daughter of William Poage Junior one certain Tract or parcel of land containing Five hundred and Twenty acres lying and being in Bath County (formerly Augusta) on the Allegheny Mountain about six miles from Clover Lick, and to Her Heirs or assigns forever.

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20th. I give and Bequeath unto Margaret Poage Daughter of William Poage Sen. one certain tract or parcel of land containing Two hundred and fifteen acres, lying and being in the County of Bath on both sides of Clover Lick Creek and joining the land that was formerly Thomas Anderson's and to her Heirs or assigns forever.

21st. I give and bequeath unto Betsey Poage Daughter of Wm. Poage Junior one certain tract or parcel of land containing one hundred and Eighty six acres lying and being in the County of Bath. on the top of Clover-lick Mountain, and to her Heirs or assigns forever.

22nd. I give and Bequeath unto Betsey Mathews Daughter of Sampson Mathews, one certain tract or parcel of land containing Four Hundred and twenty acres, lying and being in the County of Bath (formerly Augusta) joining a Survey of Andrew Sitlington (now Andrew Dwens) on the water of Green-Brier River, Beginning near the Laurel Run, and to her Heirs or assigns forever.

23rd. I give and Bequeath unto James Woods Warwick, a part of a Survey containing altogether Nine hundred and sixty seven acres, which part is to begin at Woods's Run and extending downwards toward Clover-lick Creek with the lines of the Survey lying and being in the County of Bath on the waters of Lick-lick Run a branch of Green-brier River, to be equally divided between the said James W. Warwick and Jacob Warwick and their Heirs or assigns forever.

24th. I give and bequeath unto my Servant Ian known by the name of Ben, the balance of the aforesaid Survey which I

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bequeathed unto James W. Warwick and Jacob Warwick) from Woods's Run to the upper end of said Survey including all the land within the bounds. Also I Give unto the said Ben two milch cows, and to his heirs and assigns forever.

25th. I do hereby emancipate and set free my servant man known by the name of Ben, together with his wife Kate and Charles their son, for and in consideration of their faithful service to me.

26th. And lastly, as to all the rest, residue and remainder of my Real or personal Estate, goods & chattels of what kind and nature soever, I may die possessed of not herein Bequeathed, I desire they may be sold by my Executors hereinafter named (to wit). To my Beloved wife Mary Warwick the sum of five hundred dollars. And if a Meeting House should be built in the neighborhood of Andrew Bourland's, I desire that the sum of five hundred dollars may be paid towards building the same. To Mary Jane Gatewood Daughter of William Gatewood, I give the sum of five hundred dollars and to her Heirs, and the balance which may remain after paying the above legacies, to be equally divided and paid unto the rest of the Grand children not mentioned in the last clause.

I do hereby nominate and appoint Charles Cameron and Andrew S. Warwick, Executors of this my last will and Testament; hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

Twenty-sixth day of March, in the year of our Lord, one thousand Eight hundred and Eighteen.

Witnessed, sealed, published and declared by the above named Jacob Warwick to be }

Jacob Warwick

his last will and Testament, in
the presence of us, who have
hereunto subscribed our names as
witnesses in the presence of the Testator

Nal. white

William Sharp

John Sharp

This Codicil to my last Will and Testament I do make on the
31st day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and
twenty five. I do hereby revoke and annul the bequest made
in my said will to William Woods and do will and bequeath
the said Lands therein mentioned to my daughter Betsy who
intermarried with the said William Woods and to her Heirs for-
ever.

I do revoke the bequest made to my Grand son Sampson Mathews
and do will and bequeath the said tract of land therein men-
tioned containing one hundred and eighty acres unto Charles
Cameron Francisco, and to his Heirs forever and the Negro
Boy Lewis I do will and bequeath unto my Grand son John
Woods Warwick son of Andrew S. Warwick and to his heirs
forever.

As I subscribed and paid towards building the Meeting House
mentioned in my said will Two hundred dollars I do therefore
revoke the bequest made for that purpose in my will.

As I have given to my daughter Margaret sea a negro Boy
called Moses I intend him in place of the boy Peter and

and hereby revoke the bequest to her as it respects said boy Peter.

I will and Bequeath unto my Grand Daughter Hannah daughter of Andrew and Sally Gatewood my negro Girl now a small child, called Kate a child of Venus and to her heirs forever.

I do hereby revoke the bequest made to my Grand Son Andrew M. Gatewood so far as it respects the negro boy Bill.

I will and bequeath unto my Grand Daughter Mary Jane daughter of Jacob ... Mathews my negro Girl Judy, a child of Venus and to her heirs forever.

I will and bequeath unto Mary M. Francisco daughter of Charles L. Francisco my negro Girl Phillis a child of Venus and to her heirs forever.

I will and bequeath unto my Grand Son James W. Warwick, son of Andrew S. Warwick my Negro Boy Bill and to his heirs forever.

I will and Bequeath unto my Grand Daughter Mary Jane Gatewood daughter of my daughter Jane Gatewood, my negro Girl Prudence and her child Sally, and to her Heirs forever.

I will and Bequeath unto Patsy Warwick the wife of my son Andrew S. Warwick my negro man Jim and his wife Venus and their two children Israel and Aron and to her heirs by her present the said Andrew S. Warwick forever and I do hereby revoke the bequest of five hundred dollars heretofore made to Mary Jane Gatewood and give her said "egro Girl Prudence in place thereof. I will and bequeath unto my Grand Son

the sum of Forty dollars.

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In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal the day above mentioned.

Signed, sealed and declared to be the last will of Jacob Warwick
as the last will of Jacob
Warwick in presence of

Henry M. Moffett
Josiah Beard

Pocahontas County, February Court 1826

This last Will and Testament of Jacob Warwick Deceased
together with a Codicil thereto annexed was presented in
Court and proven by William Sharp and John Sharp two of the
subscribing witnesses thereto and the Codicil proven by
Henry M. Moffett and Josiah Beard witnesses thereto; and
ordered to be recorded.

Teste

Josiah Beard Clk.

From Will Book No. 1, page 74, in office of County Clerk
of Pocahontas County.

Miller

Nelle Y. McLaughlin
Marlinton, W. Va.
Pocahontas County
Dec. 6, 1940

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County History

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At a Court of Oyer & Terminer held for Pocahontas County at the Court House on the 23rd day of January 1828 for the trial and examination of Peggy a Female Slave the property of Wm. Poage jr. of said County charged with having committed murder upon the body of her infant child upon the 17th day of Dec. 1825 when she was delivered of the same who was examined by Robert Gay one of the Commonwealth Justices of the Peace for County aforesaid who committed aforesaid slave to the jail of the county aforesaid to be examined for the murder aforesaid.

Present,

William Cackley, John Bradshaw, James Sharp,

William Blair & Samuel Cummings

The prisoner aforesaid was led to the bar in custody of the jailor and Ludwell Richard having been appointed by the Court as her counsel who accordingly appeared was arraigned for the murder aforesaid and on her arraignment pleads Not Guilty whereupon divers witnesses were sworn and examined and the prisoner heard in her defense William Poage jr. being first sworn deposeth and saith

question by atty for Commonwealth

Mr. William Poage will you state to the court what you know about the death of the child your girl Peggy was delivered of
... all that I know about it is that on Saturday morning

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the 17th of Dec last I understood the girl complained of being sick I called her in the house and told her Peggy I understand you deny to all the girls of being in the family way I told her that I did not believe the report I wished her to tell me the truth I told her I was Master of this place and likewise told her that I felt my duty bound me to make provision for her if it was the case her answer to me was that there was nothing of that kind the matter with her it was cold she caught & then observed that she had a sister in the same way and died at last & then observed that Warwick Gatewood had a negro woman last summer went in the same way said I Peggy I don't believe you her answer to me was Master if I am in that way I dont know it

Ques by same

did you tell any of the other negrows about the house to watch this girl and attend to her so as to find out whether she was in that way or not

Ans. I suspected her of being in that way and on that night of the day aforesaid I fixed up my warping bars and warped a web in order to keep the family awake to watch her I likewise told my wife to bring Black Polly in the kitchen to watch her I still found she complained of being sick it was a very wet knight I sent my black boy John for Mrs. Sharp a white woman in the neighborhood he returned and told me Mrs Sharp was not at home I then immediately sent him after Mrs Gay he returned and told me she was crippled and could not come on the next morning I saw the child dead when we went to bury it

At by Court
did you hear the child make any noise

Ans I did not

At by Defd't Council
what was the cause of your suspecting her of being with child-

Ans from her appearance and from it growing upon her

At by same

Did you ever see the child alive

Ans I never did

At by Court

how far was the room where the girl was from your room

Ans

about ten or fifteen steps. And farther he sayeth naught.

Mary C. Poage being duly sworn saith

At by Atty for Commonwealth

Mrs. Poage you will state if you know whether Peggy the prisoner
at the bar was delivered of a child on the 17th of December last
and if so the circumstances attending that delivery

Ans On the night of the 17th of Dec. last, Peggy complained of
being very unwell I visited her several times I at length
told her I was willing to do anything I could for her if she
would let me know what was the matter she said she did not
believe I could do anything for her, I suppose about 10 o'clock
at night I paid her a visit in the room where she was I asked

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her how she felt she said she was very bad but she had been
as bad many a time before by herself and no person knew it.
I at length asked her if she would drink some tea if I would
go and make it for her she said she would try to drink it.
I went into the house to make the tea and before my return
Polly a Black girl sent for me on my return to her room I
found her room door fastened in the inside I could not
get it open I told her to open the door and let me in that
I had the tea ready for her she told me to set her tea at
the fire in the other room that she had gotten a little easier
and did not want to be disturbed Said I Peggy I must see
you drink this tea before I leave you she told me to please
to give it to Polly (the black girl) to set to the fire and
she would come out presently and drink it. I said Peggy
that will not do your master charged me I must see you drink
it before I leave you she then opened the door to get the
tea. as soon as she opened the door I perceived what she had
been about. Said I Peggy what in the name of goodness what
have you been about here she answered nothing at all Madam
said I Peggy you have had a child and you have killed that
child. She said no Madam I did not kill it I began to
search for the child and found it in her bed wrap-up in the bed
clothes I asked her why she did not let me know her situation
She said her being a stranger she did not wish to put any per-
son to any trouble on the place.

At myatty for Commonwealth

Had she not always before that time denied being with child

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Ans. Yes she did and said if we believed her to be that way
that we would find ourselves deceived

At. by same

did she not say that if she was in that way it should not do
them any good or what did she say about it.

Ans. She said that if she was in that way is should not do any
of us any good that it should not make any of us rich

At. by same

had you not every reason to believe that she was with child
from her general appearance

Ans. I had every reason to believe she was, but denied it
and said she had caught cold

At. by same

was the child dead when you discovered it in the bed clothes

Ans. It was.

At. by Court

Did you see any marks of violence on the child

Ans. No I did not.

At. by same

was the child wrapped up in the clothes so that it might have
been smothered

Ans. It was wrapped up in a quilt with its head covered but

not very heavy.

At by same

did she make any confession that the child was hers.

Ans. That was a question I never asked her, not having any doubt but that it was hers.

At by Defdt Council

did she make to you any acknowledgements that the child you found in the bed was hers.

Ans. No she did not.

At by same

Did you see her delivered of a child on the 17th of last month

Ans. I did not see her delivered

At by same

did you see the prisoner at the bar murder or attempt to murder any child whatsoever

Ans. I did not.

At by Court

Was there any skilled person there at that time who examined her to know whether or not she had been delivered of a child.

Ans. There was no white person there but myself and I thought I was skilled enough to know that she had been delivered of a child.

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1. t by Defdt Council

did you ever pursue the profession of Midwifery

Ans. I did not but a person may have skill who has never
made a profession.

1. t by same

was you ever in the family way yourself

Ans. I was not but I have been with woman that was.

1. t by Court

was you ever with different women that was delivered of
children.

Ans. Yes I was. And farther saith naught

Polly a Black girl was sworn and saith.

1. t by Atty for Commonwealth

What do you know about Peggy the criminal having or being
delivered of a child some time ago

Ans. all that I know of it I went to the kitchen Master
sent for me to go to the kitchen to mind her. She was in
another room as I was in the big part of the kitchen I heard
a child cry twice and I started to the house to bring Mis-
tress and likewise I turned back and asked her if it was not
a young child cried she said no it was not it was her old-
est child Caroline I told her it deceived my ears mightily
if it was not a young child she said it was not immediate-

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ly I sent to the house for my Mistress to come in and when she came I told her what I had heard we wanted to get in the room where she was but she would not let us in for a considerable while we wanted to get in the room to give some tea She told us to set it by the fire in the big kitchen till she come out we told her that Master said we must see her drink the tea and we must not tell him a lie and then when she opened the door she began to cry told us to let her alone She opened the door and we asked what she had been about and she said nothing at all then when we went to search for the child we found it in the bed covered up and as I went in I catched the bed clothes and pulled them off Said I here is the baby and it is dead says she there is not any here and as I went to get the child she jumped on top of it and I catched her and held her off till Mistress had it in her lap sitting down with it and I asked her what she denied it for & she said she did not know she was in that way then I told her that she always told me that she was not in that way, if she was it should never do them any good.

At by Atty for Commonwealth

do you think that you cannot be mistaken that it was a young baby that you heard cry twice

Ans. No I am not mistaken in it.

At my name

when you went into the room where she was did you see her oldest

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child Caroline

Ans. Yes she was setting up in bed

At by same

have you not often heard Caroline cry

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Ans. No she dont cry any at night of any notice

At by same

have you not heard Caroline cry in the day time

Ans. Yes she cries sometimes in the day time.

At by same

was the crying you heard in the room that night like the crying
of Caroline

Ans. no sir.

At by Court

are you shure the child you heard cry was in the room where the
dead child was found.

Ans. Yes sir

At by Defdt Council

Is there not a great deal of disputing and ill will between you
and the prisoner at the bar

Ans. No sir there is not between me and her

At by same

did you never accuse the prisoner at the bar of being the
cause of your husbands leaving you

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Ans. No

At by same

who washed your husbands clothes for him

Ans. I washed them without it was twice I believe Peggy

washed them

At by same

did the prisoner at the bar acknowledge that she was the mother
of the child found.

Ans. Yes she confessed it was hers

At by same

at what time did she acknowledge the child was hers

Ans. on Sunday morning after I went in and she said it was
hers and she was sorry it was dead

At by same

what was the cause of her acknowledging it to you

Ans. I went into the room where she was and I asked her what was
the cause of her denying it when I asked her she said she did
not want to trouble any of us at that time of the night

At by same

Tell us your reason for asking her

Ans. Being the child was found in the room I made it my
business to ask

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At by same
Did the prisoner at the bar ever tell you that she had two
children

Ans. Yes sir the one she has now and the one that died.

At by the same
Did you ever hear her acknowledge that she murdered or at-
tempted to murder her child.

Ans. No sir I did not. And farther she sayeth naught.

Lizza a black girl was sworn and saith

At by City for Commonwealth
Did you ever hear Peggy the criminal deny that she was with child
& that if she was it should not do any of them any good

Ans. No sir I never did

At by same
What did you hear her say about it

Ans. I heard her say that if she was in that way no person
should ever see it

At by Court

Do you stay in the same room or kitchen generally where she
stays

Ans. No sir

At by City for Commonwealth
Where do you generally stay

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Ans. In the House

At by Defdt Council

who always washes the clothes of Pollys husband George

Ans. Polly always washed them until a few days before he
went away

At by same

Was there not a continual quarreling between Polly and Peggy
the prisoner at the bar

Ans. Not that I know of And farther she sayeth naught

Jes a Black Boy was sworn and saith

At by atty for Commonwealth

What did Peggy tell you when her Master called her in on
Saturday morning after she returned

Ans. She told me that Master had her in the house and she
asked me what did I think it was for and I told her I did not
know what it was for Well says she ill tell you what it
was for he had me in the house asking me concerning me being
sick she told him she was not. She said she told him there
was nothing the matter only that she had caught cold in the
river a washing bed clothes and she talked they all thought
she was in the family way but by God they would find to the
contrary of it she said if she was in that way it was no bodies
business she said by God it should never do none of them
any good and farther he sayeth naught.

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Mary C. Poages evidence continued

Att by Atty for Commonwealth

when you went into the room where Peggy the criminal was did
Polly the black girl that gave evidence hold Peggy or attempt
to hold her off the bed when you made a search in the bed for
the child

Ans. When I went into the room she lept back sat down on the
side of the bed When sat down Polly caught hold of her and
pulled her off the bed and I found the child close by where
she was sitting -- And farther she sayeth naught

Whereupon the Court having heard the aforesaid evidence together
with the argument of Council upon consideration whereof it is
the opinion of the Court that the prisoner is not guilty of
murder aforesaid - they being Divided in opinion & is accord-
ingly acquitted and discharged.

Ordered that this Court be adjourned

John Bradshaw

Juanita S. Dilley
Clover Lick, W. Va.
Feb. 9, 1940

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Chapter 4 Section 4 Questions 3
Slaves

Pocahontas

(I Wish to make corrections in the slaves willed by Lantz Lockridge that I sent in last week. Here is an account of all his slaves. The one mentioned last week was my servant. "Famar" instead of my servant farmer. These old wills are so hard to read and many words are not quite clear.)

1. Lantz Lockridge -

(To whom willed and appraised valuation)

To my wife my servant Famar (\$200.) provided she does not claim dower in the land given my son James. Also during her lifetime my servant John (\$600.) at her death to go to my son, James, so he may take care of them in their old age.

To my son James - my servant Rebecca and her child Ellen and their future increase. Also my servants Anthony and London.

To my son Lantz - my servants Bill (\$1000.) and Matt (\$800.) To my grand-daughter Elizabeth Hickman, my servant Susan (\$400.) and her future increase.

To my grand-daughter Florence Lockridge, my servant Fannie (\$850) and her increase. In the appraisement is mentioned a child of Fannie born since the will, but not valued as their was no prospect of it living.

I have already given my daughter, Harriet Gross, Rebecca Seebert, and Ellen Slavens each a servant girl. To my grand-son Lantz Seebert, my servant Charles (\$50) To my grandson Lantz Hickman, my servant boy Sam (\$300.)

2. John Cleek - his will -

my black girl, Sally, my black boys Titus, Andy and
be hired out for the term of 6 years then to be sold.
Josiah Beard the first clerk of the county court had slaves, but
I have no material on how many. But one morning to attend court
at Hundersville, he discovered fresh wolf signs. He hastened
back, got his gun and dogs, sent Aaron a colored servant, who
was also a skillful hunter and dead shot, to drive out the
wolves. Several were killed, and the remainder of the pack driven
away. Meanwhile court had met and adjourned owing to the absence
of the clerk. Next morning, however, he was present and presented
his excuse, saying court could meet most any time and it was
not often one had so good a chance to kill wolves. He believed
the people profited more, by his driving out the wolves than by
holding court that day.

4. General Andrew Lewis, who held the oldest deed in Pocahontas,
left to his son John Lewis, some slaves. This John Lewis moved to
Tennessee. Somewhere along the road his slaves rebelled and murdered
their master. From Poca Times

Jacob Warwick -

Had a number of slaves, but I haven't been able to get much in-
formation about them.

At one time he went to Randolph County leaving his house in the
hands of two negro servants, Sam and Greenbrier Ben. Ben was only
about 12 years old. While Mr. Warwick was absent the Indians came
and burned the cabin. Sam escaped to the woods and Ben hid in a
hemp patch so near the cabin that when it was burned he could
hardly keep still, his buckskin breeches were so hot. Ben watched

also saw them pick the chickens, leaving their tails and top-knots. He also saw them run the wagon into the fire and burn it. This was the first wagon to cross the Alleghenies. Mrs. Loula Coyner, great - great - great granddaughter of Mr. Warwick told me that when this wagon was brought in it was a great curiosity and all the boys watched it closely to see if the rear wheels could ever catch up with the front one. People all along the highway ran out to look. The colored boy, Ben, always went with Mrs. Warwick as she rode her black stallion out over their vast estate.

Israel Knight and Isaac Daughterty were two of these colored servants brought to Clover Lick by the Warwicks, their descendants still live here. When the Warwick slaves were set free, they still continued to work for their master and his children so long as they lived, and these slaves, as well as many other, would rather have gone on as slaves.

Most of the freed slaves of this county continued in the employment of their masters, or settled down near and established homes of their own. They did not present any great problem.

Viney Mountain and Caesar Mountain are named after the names of two colored slaves of the Englishman Mesingbird who lived long ago on the west end of Droop Mountain. He gave each of the slaves their freedom and a mountain apiece. Mesingbird, however, lived in Greenbrier County, but the mountains are a part of Droop Mountain range which is in Pocahontas.

William Sharp in his will.-

That my negro man Isaac, be not sold but live with my son Jacob during his natural life.

I give to my grandson, William M. Sharp my negro slave boy named Peter. This will was dated November 2, 1860.

William Sharp Sr. a Revolutionary soldier, was an owner of slaves. After he had become an old man, the slaves packed up and ran away. They were brought back. One of them was a gigantic man by the name of Sam. One day, while working about the barn, Sam tried to kill Mr. Sharp with a fence rail, under the guise of letting it slip. The last slave owner, so far as I can learn, was the late William Sharp of near Fairview who died along about war time. He gave to his grand-son and name sake, William M. Sharp, this servant Peter. William M. was however, only a small boy at the time and the slave was freed.

7. Calvin Price tells me that his grandmother Margaret Pooge Price refused the slave willed her by her father William Pooge in 1827 also, refused to accept slaves left to him. Yet in 1861 they sent six sons into the confederate army.

In the court order book No. 3 during June 1836 I found:
A deed of emancipation from James Edmeston to his negro man slave, William. It was acknowledged and recorded.

November 7, 1837

John McNeel this day produces a deed of emancipation whereby he emancipated his slave Elizah who was 43 years old.

(You will notice that many of the people of Pocahontas were beginning to set free or refuse the slaves willed them. And from what I can learn they were usually treated rather kindly.

But they sometimes had trouble with their slaves, too. found where in 1838 there had been a trial over a negro man slave named Albert, property of the heirs of James Moffitt, for assult of George Woods.

Also where a negro slave woman had killed her new born baby and she had been indicted for murder.

This is all the information available about the slaves of Pocahontas Co.

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In the bill of sale for the above estate I find that Lewis was sold to Henry Harper for \$380.00.

Eliza and Harry to Thomas Galford for \$325.00

Mary to John Graham for \$100.00.

Bill to Jacob Lightner for \$450.00

Mariah and David to Henry Hoover for \$295.00

Jefry to Henry Hoover for \$318.00.

The slave Bill bought by Jacob Lightner was later bought by his widow Elizabeth Lightner for \$325.00 and in her will, given to one of her daughters.

7. Appraisal of estate of James D. W. Ervine.

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|--------------|-----------|----------|
| 1 negro girl | - - - - - | \$300.00 |
| 1 " " boy | - - - - - | 200.00 |

8. John McNeel of the Levels in his will:

To my wife Harriet for her own use and the use of our five children to raise, support, and educate, my two servants Nelly and Charles as long as she remain my widow, then if she marry again my executor to hire out my two servants until my children shall marry or need them.

Then in his appraisal I found:

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|---------|-----------|----------|
| Charles | valued at | \$500.00 |
| Nelly | " " | 400.00 |

9. Jacob Gum in his will:

Dafna and Delf, my black women, to be disposed of as my wife Patsy thinks proper;
(I could find no record of them being sold)

10. Bill of sale of property of George E. Craig:

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|-------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|--------|
| 1 negro man | named Preston | - - - - - | \$300.00 | |
| 1 " | " Bob | - - - - - | 575.00 | |
| 1 " | woman " | Charlotte | - - - - - | 125.00 |
| 1 " | girl " | Eveline | - - - - - | 325.00 |

11. Margaret Price - in her will:

My black man Perry to be sold and my son James A. Price to have the benefit of the money arising therefrom for 6 years without interest, then to be divided

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equally among my son James A. Price, my daughter Madora L. B. Hamilton and
Virginia M. Kelley's heirs.

12. Elizabeth Lightner - in her will:

I bequeath to my daughters Mary C. and Alice P. all of my slaves, to wit:
William, Mary, Charles, Stuart, Margaret, Walton, Brown, Eliza and Susan.
The future increase of the female slaves to be equally divided between my
said daughters.

13. Joseph Hannah in his will:

To my wife, Elizabeth my two black girls Margaret and Sarah her lifetime.
Then Margaret also Sarah to be forced to live with which ever of my children
they shall choose to live with, and their future increase to be divided
equally among my children.

14. From Sale bill of estate of Henry M. Moffett. Nov. 7, 1851.

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| 1 negro man Charles | - - - - - | \$1,150.00 |
| 1 " " Henry | - - - - - | 1,150.00 |
| 1 " woman Fanny and her 3 children | to Dr. John Lewis | for \$1,199.00 |

15. Appraisement of estate of Thomas Gammon

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| 1 negro man Richard | - - - - - | \$ 900.00 |
| 1 " woman Catherine | - - - - - | 700.00 |
| 1 " " Nelly | - - - - - | 300.00 |
| 1 " " Harriet | - - - - - | 500.00 |
| 1 " girl Sarah | - - - - - | 600.00 |
| 1 " " Cynthia | - - - - - | 500.00 |
| 1 " " Susan | - - - - - | 500.00 |
| 1 " boy Herman | - - - - - | 400.00 |
| | | <hr/> 4400.00 |

16. Martin Dilley - his will:

To my wife during her life my slaves Elky and at her death to go to my son,
Andrew. If within the time allowed by law for emancipated slaves to leave
the commonwealth of Virginia, my slave Lizzy elects to be free, I hereby set
free the said Lizzy. If she fails to leave within the time allowed by law
I will the said Lizzy to my son, Andrew. *Martin Dilley was always very
lenient toward his slaves. For many years on public occasions at

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Huntersville. "Dilleys George" was usually the most conspicuous figures in the crowd as the vinder of ginger cakes, apples, and cider. He would be dressed fine as a preacher, very dignified in his manner and would count the cakes and deal out the cider as if it made no difference whether you wanted them or not. These articles vended were the admiration of the whole county, and the prosaic old colored man found it remunerative.

* History of Poca - Price.

17. Adam Arbogast - his will:

That my black woman Polly and my black boy Wesley both be set free after my decease.

18.. Lanty Lockridge - his will:

I give to my wife my servant farmer provided she does not claim dower in the land given my son. At her death to go to my son James. (While Mr. Lockridge does not call him a colored servant, yet I think he was else he could not have willed him as personal property:)

19. Peter Lightner - his will - 1849:

I will that my three negro slaves now in the possession of my daughter Phebe Cleek and her husband John Cleek remain theirs during their life time and after their death to be divided among her several children. The negroes are named John, Pete and Ellen.

In the inventory of his personal property, I found listed:

1 black boy Andrew valued at \$600.00.

20. Magdaline McNeal, wife of Aberam McNeal, deceased:

I will to my two sons Henry Washington McNeal and William S. McNeal my black woman Peggy and her two children George and Aggy, and her increase forever. I desire that which ever of the three negro men Nathan, Major or Martin, shall fall to my sons, Henry and William according to my husband's last will, shall be set free when they are 21. I also will to my black man, Nathan one yearling colt to be given him out of those I may have at my decease, as said Nathan has always been a good and faithful servant to me.